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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and
listings of claims in the application:

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Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) Hairbrush A hairbrush comprising
a handle (1) and a cylindrical, semi-cylindrical or flat head
(2) that extends from said handle and comprises surface bris-
tles or tips (3) that are used to detangle, smooth and shape
the wet hair (11) during the performance of a styling opera-
tion using a dryer (8) generating a first air flow (9) in the
direction of said head (2), said head (2) being at least
partially hollowed out and having, at least in the area
equipped with said bristles or tips (3), parallelepipedic,
cylindrical and/or oblong through-holes including an inlet and
an outlet, the latter said through-holes running perpendicular
and/or or parallel to the a longitudinal axis (4) of the said
brush, characterized in that the axes (6) of the two openings
said inlet and outlet (7) of each of said through-holes (5)
form between them an angle of less than 90° so that the air
propelled by said dryer (8) and circulating inside said head
(2) emerges in the vicinity of each of said openings said
inlet through which it said air entered, thus constituting a
second flow (10) in a direction approximately opposite that of
the said first flow (9).

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2. (Currently amended) Hairbrush A hairbrush according to claim 1, comprising a cylindrical or semi-cylindrical head (2), characterized in that the axes (6) of the two openings (7) of each of said through-holes (5) advantageously form between them an angle between 30° and 60°.

3. (Currently amended) Hairbrush A hairbrush according to claim 1, comprising a flat head (2), characterized in that the axes (6) of the two openings (7) of each of said through-holes (5) advantageously form between them an angle between 30° and 60° and open on the same side (12) of the head.

4. (Currently Amended) A hairbrush comprising a handle (1) and a head (2) that extends from said handle and comprises surface bristles (3) that are used to detangle, smooth and shape the wet hair (11) during the performance of a styling operation using a dryer (8) generating a first air flow (9) in the direction of said head (2), said head (2) being at least partially hollowed out and having, at least in the area equipped with said bristles (3), through-holes including an inlet and an outlet, said through-holes running perpendicular and/or or parallel to a longitudinal axis (4) of said brush, characterized in that the axes (6) of said inlet and outlet of said through-holes (5) form between them an angle of less than 90° so that the air propelled by said dryer (8) and circulating inside said head (2) emerges in the vicinity of

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said inlet through which said air entered, thus constituting a
second flow (10) in a direction approximately opposite that of
said first flow (9), characterized in that its said head (2)
comprises at least one recess (14) that runs parallel to
[[it's]] a longitudinal axis (4) and is closed at its two
transverse ends (15, 16) thereof and, disposed inside said
recess in an approximately axial plane, an insert (17) com-
posed of a longitudinal bar (18) whose ends (19) are fastened
into the transverse end walls (15, 16) of the head of the said
brush, the top edge (20) of said bar being located approxi-
mately in the virtual extension of the surface of the area of
the head in which the said recess is formed, while its a
bottom edge (21) is spaced apart from the bottom (22) of the
said recess, the said bar (18) being extended transversely
in the form of multiple, evenly spaced parallel branches (23)
whose top edge (25) is located approximately in the virtual
extension of the surface of the head and whose bottom edge
(24) rests against the bottom of the recess.

5. (Currently amended) Hairbrush A hairbrush according
to claim 4, characterized in that the area of each opening
existing between the bottom edge (21) of the bar (18) and the
bottom (22) of the recess (14) is equal to that of the open-
ings delimited between two ~~successive~~ adjacent ones of said
branches (23), the bar (18), and the opposing edge (26, 27) of
the recess.

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6. (Currently amended) Hairbrush A hairbrush according to claim 4, characterized in that the area of each opening existing between the bottom edge (21) of the bar (18) and the bottom (22) of the recess (14) is smaller than that of at least one of the two openings delimited between ~~two successive adjacent ones of said~~ branches (23), the bar (18) and the opposing edge (26, 27) of the recess.

7. (Currently Amended) Hairbrush A hairbrush according to claim 4, characterized in that the areas of the openings delimited between ~~two successive adjacent ones of said~~ branches (23), the bar (18) and the opposing edge (26, 27) of the recess are different.

8. (Currently amended) Hairbrush A hairbrush according to claim 7, characterized in that its said head comprises at least two recesses (14) and, disposed inside each recess, an insert (17) composed of a longitudinal bar (18) extended transversely by multiple parallel branches (23), and in that said openings (7a) of each recess (14) that are nearest the other recess have an area larger than that of the openings (7b) of the first recess that are farthest from the other recess.

9. (Currently Amended) Hairbrush A hairbrush according

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to claim 1, characterized in that its said head (2) is hollow, in that an approximately median longitudinal partition (28), connected along its two longitudinal edges to the lateral wall of the head, runs through the interior of said hollow head from one end (15) of the latter to the other (16) so as to divide said interior into two chambers (29) of approximately equal volume, and in that the lateral wall (30) of the head is pierced with four longitudinal slots (7) that open in pairs into each chamber.

10. (Currently Amended) Hairbrush A hairbrush according to claim 1, characterized in that its said head (2) is hollow and cylindrical, in that at least three longitudinal radial partitions (31, 32) run through the interior of said hollow head from one end (15) of the latter (16) to the other so as to divide said interior into at least three chambers (33, 34) of approximately equal volume, and in that the lateral wall (30) of the head is pierced with at least six longitudinal slots (7) that open in pairs into each chamber.